GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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BPL Farmers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to evaluate the number of farmers living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of welfare schemes being implemented for the farmers and the number of beneficiaries thereunder during the last three years, scheme and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government carries out large sample surveys through NSSO for periodical estimation of poverty lines for the rural population. On the basis of it, the erstwhile Planning Commission Expert Group on estimation of poverty put the numbers at 354.68 million people in 2009-10 which declined to 269.30 million in 2011-12. The details of state wise people below poverty line are annexed. The estimates on number of farmers living Below Poverty Line are not available.

(c): The Government is implementing various schemes for the welfare of farmers. Major schemes and the number of beneficiaries are as follows:

(i) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana: During Kharif 2016, 366.64 lakh farmers have been covered out of which 264.04 lakh farmers were loanee and 102.60 lakh farmers were non-loanee. The scheme has been implemented by 21 states.

(ii) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana : Under it 14.3 lakh hectare area have been covered under drip and sprinkler irrigation system in the country.

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(iii) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana : Till December, 2016 State Governments have made 9186 clusters while in 2015-16 it was 8000 clusters.

(iv) Soil Health Card & Neem Coated Urea: As on 27.12.2016, 2.33 crore soil samples have been collected from which 12.82 crore soil health cards have been issued.

(v) National Agricultural Market (e-NAM): Under this scheme 250 mandis of 10 states have been integrated with e-NAM Portal.

(vi) Rashtriya Gokul Mission: Under this scheme upto December, 2015, 35 projects from 27 states with a sanctioned amount of Rs. 582.09 crore has been approved.